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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,6-19,21-35 and 38-49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) (d) or (e)
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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NATHAN FLYNN
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This action is in response to Applicant's amendment received October 25, 2007. Claims 2, 3, 6-19, 21-35 and 38-49 are pending in the present application.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 25, 2007 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 6-19, 21-35 and 38-49 allowed.

Independent claims are allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach performing multiframe classification of the received fragment by matching the key to a rule out of plurality of rules, the rules comprising a plurality of fields including at least a first field comprising a first fragmented flag(FRAG) for specifying if this rule should match fragmented frames, non-fragmented frames, or both; and a second field comprising a not subsequent flag (NO SUBS) in the rule key specifying whether this rule should match only non-fragmented frames including a

first fragment of a fragmented frame, or is to be matched only to subsequent fragments of a fragmented frame” as amended and in combination of every other elements previously claimed.

Dependent claims are also allowed as being dependent on allowed claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alina N. Boutah whose telephone number is 571-272-3908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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